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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Guam Information

1. I called Unger first thing this morning (15 March) to ask if the Washington Post story about Vietnamese participation in the Guam meeting was true. He was busy when I called, but called me back at noon and conveyed the following information:

(a) There will be a Vietnamese delegation. It will consist of Ky and Thieu, plus an entourage whose exact size and composition is still being worked out.

(b) The Washington delegation will arrive at Guam at 0940 Monday morning, 20 March, Guam time (1840, Sunday, EST). The Viets will arrive at around 1130 Guam time that same morning.

(c) First official business will be a formal greeting of the Viet delegation and a lunch (the two may be combined).

(d) There will be a U.S. - Viet afternoon session on Monday, followed by a joint dinner.

(e) The Viets will return to Saigon Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

(f) There will be a U.S. - only session Tuesday morning, followed (or capped) by a working lunch.

(g) The U.S. delegation will leave Guam at 1800 Tuesday, Guam time (0300, Tuesday morning, EST).

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2. Unger asked that I pass the above to you. From the way he talked, it sounded (at least to my sensitized ear) as if he knew you were going. However, he could have simply wanted you kept officially abreast of these unfolding plans. I took the information and thanked him for it, but naturally did not even hint that I thought this information might affect you personally.

3. Unger said a major item on the agenda, the one most directly affecting the Agency, was what could be done to improve the defection program. I told him we were already doing two memos for Rostow on this. Unger promised to let me know at once if he heard anything more about the whole Guam exercise.

4. A personal note -- from the above I estimate your trip (each way) will involve about 24 hours travel time. I do not know if you have ever made the trans-Pacific jet haul straight through before. I have, several times. From my experience I am sure you will be rubber-legged and exhausted, particularly after the return journey -- even if you fly in comfort and with a berth on Air Force 1. If you cannot take Wednesday, 22 March, off entirely (the optimum arrangement), you should at all costs plan as light a day as possible, recognizing that you will be way off both mental and physical form for about 24 hours after your return.

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